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There is a funny story, fresh from the New York courts, of a gas meter that continued, from the force of habit, to register figures for the gas company during two months while the premises were closed by the board of health. A gas meter is the most persistent thing we know of in the English language. It is like the Cook's "truth pushed to earth will rise again," "you can't stop her." Why, somebody invent a gas meter that will represent the consumer's interest, and foil the gas swindle?

